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Albaugh et al.) Before the Examiner:
) Robert W. Ramsuer
Serial No.: 10/090,935)
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Filed: March 5, 2002) Art Unit: 1626
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For: Certain Fused Pyrrole Carboxamides: A New)
Class of GABA Brain Receptor Ligands)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

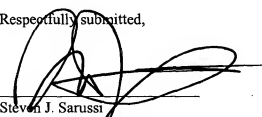
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Petition for One Month Extension of Time;
 - b) Response to the Office Action Mailed September 3, 2002; and
 - c) Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) Attached is a check in the amount of \$110.00.
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Respectfully submitted,


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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement. Nonetheless, to comply with the requirement set forth in the Action pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants elect the species of Example 3 (hh), i.e., N-(3-Pyridyl)-4-oxo-6,6-

dimethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indole-carboxamide. That compound is claimed in Claim 41.

Applicants respectfully submit that the compounds claimed in claims 7-50 are species encompassed by a single generic claim. Furthermore, the multiple groups identified by the Examiner could be searched and examined together without undue burden. All compounds listed by the Examiner as patentably distinct species possess a common 4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indole-3-carboxamide core. Thus, while the compounds of these claims may be patentably distinct, searching all the compounds of Claims 7-50 would not impose an additional burden on the Examiner.

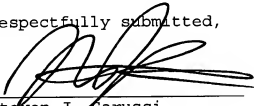
Reconsideration of the requirement made under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative as (312) 913-0001 if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 4, 2002

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